especially to the consolation of a penitent heart All through this sermon Mother Samuel did nothing but weep and lament, and was so loud in her passion, that she caused all in church to look at her That night she returned to her husband and daughter, who thereon set upon her for having confessed, so that the next day she denied all

Then Dr Dorrmgton and Mr Throckmorton went to her house to learn the truth, and there found the husband and daughter talking of the matter Being asked whether she had not confessed, she now answered, * I confessed so indeed, but it is nothing so ' This so angered Mr Throckmorton that the next morning early he went to Dr Dornngton and told him he would not let the matter rest there lest the worser sort of people should imagine that it was some device of theirs against the old woman Therefore they sent for the constables, and giving both mother and daughter in their charge ordered them to provide for the journey, for they should go before the Bishop of Lincoln at Buckden They were therefore taken before him the same day (26th December) and there examined

She was then asked whether a dun chicken did ever suck on her chin and whether it was a natural chicken She answered that it had sucked twice, and no more, since Christmas Eve She declared that it was a natural chicken, for when it came to her chin she scarce felt it, and when she wiped it off with her hand, her chin bled, and further she declared that all the trouble that had come to Mr Throckmorton's children had come by means of this dun chicken

Mother Samuel was again examined three days afterwards before the Bishop of Lincoln, and Francis Cromwell and Richard

Fryce, Justices of the Peace At this examination she declared
that she knew the dun chicken had now gone from the children
because it had returned to her with the rest and was now at the
bottom of her belly with the others, which made her so full that
she could scarce lace up her coat, and that the way as she came
they weighed so heavy that the horse fell down She said also
that she had five spirits given her by an upright man m the shape
of dun chickens, three she called to her by the names of Pluck,
Catch and White , the others by smacking her lips She was
then committed, with her daughter, to the jail at Huntingdon